

Upcoming Events:
 April 1: Maundy Thursday
 April 2: Good Friday
 April 3: Easter egg Hunt @ 10:00 (0-5th grade)
 bring basket and friends!
 April 4: Easter Sunday (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
 May 16: Last day of Sunday School
 June 21-25: Vacation Bible School

Thank You

- † to our congregation for donating bags of candy for the egg hunt
- † to our Middle and High school youth for stuffing all the candy into hundreds of eggs

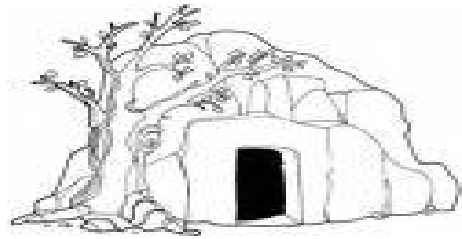
“The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock, my Savior!”
 2 Samuel 22:47

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V.B.S. is just around the corner and the kids need some great leaders. Please consider volunteering for our High Seas Expedition during the week of June 21-25 from 9:00-noon. Areas needing leaders are: story, cinema and snacks. We also need some great youth to lead the kids to each station. This is a very rewarding experience! Please call Becky Van Nice 381-3355 or email becky@risenchristdavenport.org for more information!

Ingredients:
 1 cup whole pecans
 1 tsp. vinegar
 3 egg whites
 pinch of salt
 1 cup of white sugar

Supplies:
 1 plastic bag
 wooden spoon
 masking tape



Preheat your oven to 300°. Place pecans into plastic bag, let child beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers (John 19:1-3). Next, let the child smell the vinegar and put 1 tsp. of vinegar into a mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink (John 19:28-30). Then add the egg whites to the vinegar. Now sprinkle a little salt into the child's hand and allow the child to taste it and then brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers (Luke 23:27). At this point, ask your child how they think the cookies will taste. Odds are they will not think that they will be too tasty, given the ingredients that have been added so far. Add sugar and explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us (John 3:16). Now beat the ingredients with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks form. Fold in nuts and drop by teaspoons onto a cookie sheet covered with wax paper. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid (Matthew 27:57-60). Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the pre-heated oven off. Lastly, give your child a few pieces of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed (Matthew 27:65-66).

Assuming you are doing this at the child's bedtime, tell her/him it is now time to go to bed. Explain to your child that they may feel upset at just walking away from the cookies, not knowing what will happen to them. Tell them how Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed (John 16:20 and 22).

On Easter morning, allow the child to rip off the tape and open the oven and give everyone a cookie. The surface will be cracked. Go ahead and take a bite...the cookies are hollow! Assuming you have not given away the end result of the cookies, your child, too, will be surprised. Explain how on the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty (Matthew 28:1-9). Jesus is risen from the dead!